

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION BY JOINT INVENTORS

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled HINGE ASSEMBLY, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on _____ as _____ Application Number _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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Priority Not Claimed

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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TITLE: (title of invention)	HINGE ASSEMBLY

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Dear Sir:

SUGATSUNE KOGYO CO., LTD., of 8-11, Higashikanda 1-chome,
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a corporation, the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-identified U.S. patent application by virtue of the accompanying original assignment, which is submitted herewith for recordation,

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